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## PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL LETTER

To the Commissioner for Patents: Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of: Kenji Ishii, Akira Miura, Yoshikazu Akinaga, and Masashi Yoshizumi for: AN APPARATUS AND A METHOD FOR OPTIMIZING NETWORK RESOURCES EMPLOYED IN DATA COMMUNICATION. Enclosed are:  $\boxtimes$ 39 sheet(s) of drawings, 85 pages of application (including title page), and the following Appendices: None. Declaration.  $\Box$ Power of Attorney. Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. Assignment transmittal letter and Assignment of the invention to : \_\_\_\_\_\_  $\boxtimes$ Information Disclosure Statement (in duplicate), Form PTO-1449, Three (3) Cited References (A1-A3), and Return Postcard. Other Than Col. 1 Claims as Filed Small Entity Col. 2 Small Entity For No. Filed No. Extra Rate Fee Fee or Rate Basic Fee \$ 385 or \$ 770 **Total Claims** 15-20 0 x\$9= x\$18= S or \$ Indep. Claims 4-3 x\$43= \$ 1x\$86= \$86 or Multiple Dependent Claims Present 1+\$145= \$ +\$290= \$290 or \*If the difference in col. 1 is less than zero, or enter "0" in col. 2. \$ Total Total \$1,146  $\Box$ ·Please charge my Deposit Account No. 23-1925 in the amount of \$: \_\_\_\_\_. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed. A check in the amount of \$: \_\_\_\_ to cover the filing fee is enclosed. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of the following fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-1925. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed. Any additional filing fees required under 37 CFR § 1.16. Any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR §1.17. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of the following fees during the pendency of this application or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-1925. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed. Any filing fees under 37 CFR § 1.16 for presentation of extra claims. П Any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR § 1,17.

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